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Application No.: 10/605,099

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Applicant appreciates that claims 6 and 10 have been considered to be allowable.

The Office Action objected specification. The Office Action rejected claims 1-2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Office Action rejected claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conley et al. (U. S. Patent 6,871,257; hereinafter Conley) in view of Hosono et al. (U. S. Patent 6,907,497, hereinafter Hosono). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-2 and rewritten allowable dependent claims 6 and 10 as independent claims 4 and 10, respectively. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 4-5 and 7-10 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Rejections under 35 USC 112

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, due to the deletion of flash in previous amendments. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

In [0014], Abstract, and original claim 1 (line 4), the descriptions have stated that the present invention can be applied to the large block memory. To the person with ordinary skill can know that the flash memory is a type of nonvolatile memory. The prior art references Conley and Hosono also indicate this kind of support. Therefore, the deletion of "flash" is well supported. The amendment also clearly states that the large block memory belonging to the nonvolatile memory device, which is also well supported in

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specification.

Discussion of Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103

Applicant appreciates that claims 6 and 10 are considered to be allowable.

Applicant has amended independent claims 4 and 10 by incorporation the subject matters of claims 6 and 10, respectively, which the Office has considered as allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejections is thereby requested.

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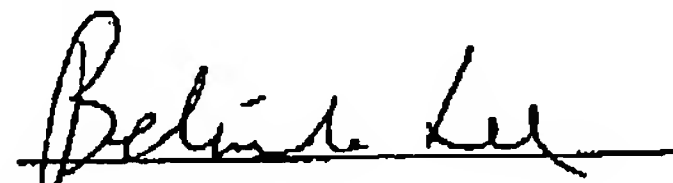
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 4-5 and 7-10 of the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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